



CLOSING REMARKS

2nd SIMA WORKSHOP WITH SHIP OPERATORS

“BRIDGING FOR A MARITIME FUTURE TOGETHER”

14 December 2022

Heritage Park Hotel

Outcomes

From the Forum & Workshop:

Recalled that shipping is the life blood in Solomon Islands and the central role that Maritime academy is playing

Acknowledged that maritime training is a four (4) partner collaboration between SIMA, the Maritime Academy of SINU, the ship operators, and the seafarers, each of them having responsibilities to ensure competent seafarers operate Solomon Islands vessels.

Recognized the need to dedicate resources like special fund and scholarships for maritime training as it is vital to support the Maritime Academy and our seafarers.

Called for partnerships to be established between SIMA, SINU, domestic and international shipping companies, the Solomon Islands Government agencies to provide opportunities to seafarers.

Acknowledged SIMA leading role in the maritime sector and its responsibilities in maritime training and requested to progress contract employment and hiring issues by certification of more seafarers

Requested the Maritime Academy to look into the future of shipping and consider new training programs such as higher level qualification of seafarers, Cadet Ship Programme, courses in catering and hospitality, maritime security and green marine technologies and operations

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Requested data available on seafarer training qualification and work history

Requested to consider reducing the costs of marine equipment (tax exemption), slipways, and increase competition of suppliers

Acknowledged Survey requirements but requested flexibility for Hull inspections, rectification of defects and availability of SIMA surveyors

Acknowledged the need to go green in shipping but require immediate and dedicated support to invest in new skills, green and clean technologies and ships.



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